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**NEW COURT FEES, FEE INCREASES TAKE EFFECT  
MONDAY**

**Riverside County** —The Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, has announced new court filing fees and fee increases, as the result of the 2003 Budget Act signed August 2, 2003 by Governor Gray Davis.

Changes in court fees are designed to maintain access and continue public services in the California courts at a time of unprecedented deficits in the State Budget. The fee changes were included in the package of trailer legislation that was enacted to implement the 2003 Budget Act.

The superior court will begin collecting the new fees starting **Monday, August 18, 2003**.

A summary of the new and increased court fees follows. Various statewide surcharges and fees, as well as local fees, apply to most of these fees and will affect the total amount due county by county. A complete chart, including statewide surcharges and fees, is posted on the California Courts Web site at [www.courtinfo.ca.gov](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov) and is available at the clerk's office in each court location. Information about applicable local fees and answers to specific questions can also be obtained at the clerk's office. A schedule of Riverside County Superior Court fees can be found on its Web site at [www.co.riverside.ca.us/depts/court](http://www.co.riverside.ca.us/depts/court).

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*The following fees are affected:*

**Collection of Court Reporter Fees:** Fee to be assessed equal to the actual cost of providing that service to the parties on a pro rata basis based on one-half day and full day increments for each proceeding lasting more than one hour.

**Court Reporter Fee:** A one-time non-refundable fee of \$25 to be paid by each party when filing a first paper in a civil action of \$10,000 or more, or in any family law case.

**Complex Case Fee:** Additional non-refundable fee of \$550 for each party in a civil case designated as complex.

**Continuance of Trial Fee:** Establishes a \$110 fee in addition to the notice of motion fee when a continuance of a trial is granted in civil and family law cases.

**Limited Jurisdiction Filing Fee (for Plaintiff and Response) on Cases Over \$10,000:** To be increased from \$140 (plaintiff) and \$129 (response) to \$305.

**Notice of Motion Fee:** To be increased from \$26 to \$37.

**Probate Fees:** Establishes graduated fees of \$280 to \$3,926 for estates up to \$3.5 million. The filing fee for estates valued \$3.5 million or more is \$3,926 plus 0.2% of the amount over \$3.5 million.

**Security Surcharge/Fee:** A \$20 surcharge to be assessed for court security for civil filings (except small claims) and a \$20 fee for criminal and traffic convictions (except parking).

**Small Claims Fee:** To be increased from \$42 to \$69 when the number of claims filed by a party in each court exceeds 12 in a 12-month period.

**Summary Judgment Motion Fee:** To be increased from \$110 to \$165.

*Appellate and Supreme Court fees also increase effective August 17, 2003 as follows:*

**Court of Appeal:** The fee for filing a notice of appeal or a petition for a writ in a civil case appealed to the court of appeal is increased to \$655.

**Supreme Court:** The fee for filing a petition for a writ or a petition for a hearing in a civil case in the Supreme Court after a decision in the court of appeal is increased to \$590.

